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SEPTIC TANKS STILL IN AIR

THEIR VARIOUS COMES TO NO CONCLUSION.

Disposal by Means of System Suggested—A Proposition Warranted.

Works and sewerage discussed at some council at the regular meeting last Wednesday evening. The council was called to order by the mayor, and the first business was the disposal of the sewage of the city. The council was divided on the question of the disposal of the sewage, and the matter was referred to a committee to report at the next meeting.

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discharged into a surface gutter, and from that into any small runlet or stream. If desired to still further purify the outflow, a bed of sand or grit can be placed for it to run through, which should be occasionally stirred with a shovel so as to get the full effect of the air and sun.

While the septic tank can be used for a single family, for various reasons it is better, when possible, for several houses to combine and use one tank in common. The principal reason for this is that the size of the tank required for the sewage of a single family is so small that the water, flowing into it at a single discharge of a bathtub, is apt to flush it out before the contents have been thoroughly acted upon.

Again, the flow from a single house is apt to be intermittent and this allows large amounts of air to enter the tank, which is detrimental, while the flow from a number of houses, six or twelve, is practically continuous. Irrespective of the size of the tank, however, it is of prime importance that the amount of sewage and water that enters the tank should be sufficient to fill and be discharged from the tank once in twenty-four hours.

The best construction material is cement. A pit of the required size should be dug, allowing about four cubic feet, inside measurements, to each person. After the bottom has been prepared, a wooden frame corresponding to the size of the tank should be set in the excavation, and the cement poured around the outside. This should be removed just as soon as the cement is hard enough to allow of it in order to prevent cracking. The walls of the tank should be from six to eight inches in thickness. In small tanks I would suggest that a partition twenty inches high and four inches thick extend crosswise the inside of the bottom of the tank between the inlet and outlet. This should be situated three fifths of the length of the tank from the inlet. The top of the tank may be covered with an arched roof of cement with a manhole or with planking; or, if larger, it may have simply a shingle roof. In all cases a manhole should be left in order to inspect the tank or clean it if necessary.

THE CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN.

The Boise Statesman gave some interesting railroad news in a recent issue which would indicate that the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. contemplate extension at an early date to the coast. The Statesman says that representatives of that road had been in Boise and secured options upon land to be used for depot grounds, shops, etc.

Harriman people admit that Northwestern agents have been in the Harney country within the past few weeks and it is generally understood that this is one competing line that is giving the Harriman system considerable uneasiness so far as this territory is concerned.

If the Northwestern is coming through from its present terminus in Wyoming by way of Boise it is a foregone conclusion that it will cross this county if it can possibly find a route. The Harriman surveyors have been quite thorough in their work throughout this section and every feasible route has had more or less attention. Whether it is the intention of Harriman to get a cinch on all these routes and practically shut out the Northwestern is a question. At any rate the movement of this competing line will spur Mr. Harriman on to early construction and even if we don't get both at once it will compel him to not neglect the advantage gained by being first in the field.

It looks good to the people of this section and this piece of news will make them feel all the more sanguine.

W. W. Brown, the horseman, who spent three weeks in Lakeview, and during his stay here showed his great liberality, before leaving for his home last week, gave the M. E. church \$100, the public library \$100 and the Baptist church \$50.—Lakeview Examiner.

OUR GIRLS AT WASHINGTON

PHILIP BATES BLOSSOMS OUT AS ADVANCE MAN.

View From Washington Monument Cannot Begin to Equal That From Top of Old Apple Tree at Home.

A Washington dispatch to the Journal says:

Phil Bates' party of young women from Oregon departed en route to other eastern cities, after several days here, during which they were shown many courtesies by Washingtonians. Mr. Bates appears to have blossomed out into a first-rate advance agent, and was informed by the editor of one of the Washington papers that he was about the best in that line who had come to the national capital up to date.

"You ought to be ahead of a circus," the newspaper man said. It is true he has succeeded beyond the expectation of his friends, and no happier company of tourists ever left this city than the one in charge of the Portland magazine owner, chaperoned by Mrs. C. E. Redfield of Heppner.

The Washington Herald printed the following good-natured account of one of their days here: In Oregon, where trees grow a mile high; where they raise pumpkins and then cut out the pulp and live in them; where men play billiards with green peas and wheat stalks, and where every one is afraid to die lest the happy hunting grounds should prove a very inferior sort of a place indeed, 15 happy homes are sighing for the return of 15 dancing-eyed damsels who waved farewell to Washington from the deck of the Jamestown steamer last evening, after two joyous days in the only genuine national capital.

With equal certainty, it may be presumed that the hearts of many of Washington's most sophisticated public building guardians, guides, policemen and other brass-buttoned gentry are yearning for Philip S. Bates' all-star aggregation to play a return engagement.

Never has a more enthusiastic and withal, merrier a cluster of fair tourists had a quick-lunch view of the library, given the president the sign manual of the glad hand, or taken a squealing chance on the Washington monument elevator than this same crate of Oregon peaches brought hither by the energetic proprietor and publisher of the Pacific Northwest.

The consignment was originally labeled "fresh from the farm, handle with care," but any of public men in blue and brass who stacked up against this combination will testify that the peaches were of the hardy variety and didn't need taking care of.

With that breeziness of manner always associated with the west, but usually found in New York City, Mr. Bates' sturdy young charges, headed by their equally young chaperon, Mrs. C. E. Redfield of Morrow county, Oregon, hit all the high places, threw a giggle at everything that could tease a laugh out of an hysterical patient, clipped a bunch of brass buttons for souvenirs, broke off hunks of the capitol, library, and monument, flipped a smile at remonstrating guards, and then set sail for Jamestown. If Jamestown hasn't been settled since 1607 they will settle it.

Yesterday was their star day. In the morning they poked around the Center Market stalls trying to find something that looked as if it had grown or been fed in Oregon. Nothing looked like home.

"Oh, look at the cute little strawberries," exclaimed one of the fair farmeresses, pointing to an assortment of the largest and best test poor benighted effete easterners have to put up with in their shortcake.

"What foolish looking asparagus," said another. "Why, you would have to eat several stalks at one meal."

The market man said nothing, but "The butter's spread too thick."

When the creaking elevator brought the Oregonians to the top of the monument and they scattered to the eight windows

to gaze upon the mighty panorama below, it seemed that at last they had met with something to tame their girlish exuberance. They gazed long and earnestly at the vast spread of landscape below them.

"Fine view," said the guard encouragingly. "Yes, very pretty," replied the accosted one. "But you ought to see the view from the top of our apple tree."

They carried the guard into the little office and tenderly brought him back to consciousness.

WILLING TO WEAR FULTON'S MANTLE

Many Republicans and Democrats Wish Togo Would Fall on Them.

With the rolling away of the smoke of the municipal election, politicians are already discussing the next event, the choosing of a United States Senator to succeed Charles W. Fulton, says the Telegram.

Unless there is a great change in the cards, the Senatorial contest will be one of the warmest held in Oregon in several years, because of the number of possible candidates. In the old days there were never but two active candidates. Under the direct primary arrangement, with statement No. 1, there will be four and possibly five seekers of the toga.

Among those mentioned are Senator Fulton, who wishes to succeed himself; Frederick Mulkey, who had six weeks in the senate, and wants to go back; and H. M. Calk, who was defeated by Jonathan Bourne, Jr., last year. These are the Republican aspirants. Then, for the Democrats, there is George E. Chamberlain. Still another name mentioned is that of W. S. Ren, father of the initiative and referendum and other experimental election laws.

Chief interest centers in the republican camp, for Chamberlain, if he will run, will have no opposition from his party. Senator Fulton has been busy laying his wires since his return from Washington, several months ago. Fulton has been visiting various parts of the State, getting in touch with the people, and attending to the preliminaries. Calk was defeated at the primaries last year by such a small margin that he is said to be anxious to make another effort. Mulkey has been losing no time since his few weeks in Washington.

The organization which won Devlin the primaries in May is supposed to be ready for delivery to Mulkey. In fact, rumor says that Mulkey assisted in building the organization with his own ambition in view, and to this end was financially interested. Mulkey was the most wealthy of the candidates.

That Chamberlain will be the democratic choice is generally conceded. This was also believed during the session of the legislature last winter, and at that time a deliberate attempt was made to mutilate the present election laws in order to make it as difficult as possible for Chamberlain to be successful. It was acknowledged by republican State Senators and Representatives that Chamberlain might possibly receive the popular vote for United States Senator, and in the hope of defeating him they undertook to alter Statement No. 1, so that unless the next legislature is democratic, Chamberlain would not be elected.

KILLS ROSE BUGS

F. H. Holman, Portland's well known rose expert, gives the following preparation as a remedy for rose bugs:

"Four ounces of quassia chips in 10 gallons of water, let stand till the strength is all soaked from the chips, and the solution sprayed on the bushes at frequent intervals will kill the small green bugs or mites that sometimes so seriously attack roses."

The Pendleton East Oregonian reports the marriage of Mr. C. C. Connors to Miss Jessie Raymond in that city last Wednesday. Mr. Connors is a prosperous farmer of Helix and recently invested in real estate in this Valley.

IT IS AN EXCELLENT LAW

SHOULD BE ENFORCED BY EVERY COUNTY IN STATE.

Provides for Suppression of Noxious Weeds Which are Getting More Plentiful—Duty of Road Supervisors.

The law passed by the recent session of the Oregon legislature for the suppression of noxious weeds in public highways, on farming land and in cities, is one which should be enforced. The law took effect May 25, and is as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of each road supervisor in each road district in this state, in addition to the duties heretofore prescribed by law, to ascertain from time to time and know whether or not there is in his district any weed known as the Russian thistle, any weed known as the Canadian thistle, Chinese thistle or white mustard, cockle burr, and silver salt brush and if he ascertains that there is any such weeds, and before any thereof have shed its bloom or commenced to form its seed, serve or cause to be served upon the owner, if he be known and residing within the county, and if not, upon the occupants of the premises upon which weeds or thistles may be, a notice in writing notifying said owner or occupant of the existence of said thistle, weed or weeds, and in such notice shall give the name of such weed and the description of the land upon which the same is growing.

Said notice shall be served by delivering to the occupant or person in charge of the premises a copy thereof duly certified to be such by the person serving the same, and if there be no occupant of such land upon which such weed may be growing, then such notice shall be served by posting in three conspicuous places upon said premises a copy of said notice duly certified to be such by said supervisor.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each road supervisor in each road district in the state to call a sufficient number of laborers to cut down and destroy before the same has dropped its bloom or seeds, any of the above named weeds, found growing at any time hereafter in the highways or upon any public lands in his road district, and the county court shall admit and allow the amount of expenses and just and reasonable charge for such work as other claims or bills filed by the road supervisor.

ENGINEER'S PLANS VERY ESSENTIAL.

Government reclamation work was being discussed with Senator Fulton and Congressman Ellis during their recent visit here when a local man ventured to say that we didn't like the method of the government work as it was too expensive—too much red tape and plans, with lack of practicability, which made construction cost more than if done by private people under contract. This was admitted by our distinguished visitors and Judge Ellis told of an incident over on the Umatilla project that illustrates the unnecessary work incident to the work.

A local resident of Pendleton had come into the Judge's office and when the subject was broached said: "Judge, its h—l." Judge Ellis then inquired what the trouble was and the man said that a few days before a big tent of sufficient size to accommodate 38 horses had been sent out to the camp. One of the office force was instructed to make plans for its erection. This man spent two days drawing the plans, making proper measurements and getting blue prints. The plans were elaborate and perfect in every detail. One of the men was given a copy with instructions to put up the tent. He took the plans, went out to the spot selected for the tent to be raised, folded up the blue print and stuck it under a sage brush with a stone weight to keep it from blowing away and put up the tent without ever looking at the plans.

If we had practical men at the head of the reclamation service who were capable of making estimates and work in a business like manner settlers under gov-

ernment irrigation projects would have some idea at first of what the land would cost per acre before the project was undertaken. As it is not unusual now to be notified of an increase of from one-third to one-half raise in the price per acre after the work has been started people are disgusted and will not always look kindly upon the proposition to take land to be irrigated by the government.

At one time Harney county was very anxious to have the government take up the Silvies valley reservoir scheme to irrigate the lands of Harney Valley, but after witnessing the mode of procedure over in Malheur and Klamath our "Uncle Sam" will have to make some changes in the irrigation law before he would be received with open arms.

STAGE LINE CHANGES HANDS.

L. Woldenberg informs The Times-Herald that himself and Joseph Barton of the Sumpter Valley Railway have purchased the Blue Mt. Rapid Transit stage line from Frank Metcalf and the new firm took active charge the first of this month.

It is the intention of the present management to at once add four-horse stock and another big Concord coach between here and Canyon City with at least one driver and should traffic justify it more will be put on—in fact the entire line equipped in a manner to take care of all the business most adequately. The present arrangement will facilitate freight and passenger business and bring about a more satisfactory service in every particular.

The people of Burns will certainly appreciate this arrangement and if the new management makes good there is no reason why their business may not increase very materially as it is the best equipped and most direct route to a railroad point from this interior section and if proper rates can be secured and business men assured of prompt attention to freight the line will do a big business. Mr. Woldenberg assures us of this desirable change and we therefore hope to see business men respond in a manner that will show our appreciation.

Louie is the general manager of the new firm and will be out on the line frequently. They have leased the Metcalf station property for a period of three years and it will continue the popular stopping place it has been in the past.

THOROUGHBORED EGGS FOR SALE

I now have for sale, eggs from my pens of S. C. White Leghorns, White Plymouth Rocks and Single and Pea comb Rhode Island Reds. After April 1st I can supply eggs from pens of Barred Rocks and Black Langshans. Circulars of prices sent upon application.

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